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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001)) No. 03 MDL 1570 (GBD)(FM))
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DEFENDANT AL HARAMAIN ISLAMIC FOUNDATION, INC.'S OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Defendant Al Haramain Islamic Foundation, Inc. (U.S.A.) ("AHIF" or "Defendant"), through undersigned counsel, hereby provides its objections and responses to Plaintiffs' Supplemental Requests for Production of Documents (July 31, 2012).

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. Defendant AHIF objects to plaintiff's "Definitions" and Document Requests insofar as they:
- (a) request information or identification of documents concerning confidential communications between defendant and its attorneys, on the grounds that the information sought is protected under the attorney/client privilege;
- (b) request information or identification of documents prepared by defendant's counsel for their own use, or prepared by defendant or defendant's witnesses for use by defendant's counsel, on the grounds that the information sought is protected from disclosure by the attorney work-product doctrine;
- (c) seek to enlarge defendant's obligation to respond to discovery beyond the obligations established by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court;
 - (d) are overbroad, vague, ambiguous, unduly burdensome, not limited to the subject

matter of this litigation, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible information, and/or do not specify the information sought with sufficient particularity;

- (e) seek discovery from AHIF of records and documents that are in the possession, custody, or control of persons or entities other than AHIF, including "the headquarters of Al Haramain in Saudi Arabia" or "any other branch office of Al Haramain worldwide," and AHIF has answered these document requests with respect to AHIF itself;
- (f) seek discovery from AHIF of records and documents that are in the possession, custody, or control of the Qur'an Foundation, which is not a defendant in this litigation, and AHIF has answered these document requests with respect to AHIF itself.
- 2. Defendant has made a diligent and reasonable search and inquiry for the information requested. Any response contained herein, however, is given with the understanding that AHIF and its attorneys are still conducting discovery and investigation in connection with this action. Defendant's responses are therefore without waiver of, or prejudice to, its right to later use additional information not set forth or referred to in this response. In addition, any response contained herein is made with the express reservation of all rights pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court to supplement or amend these responses or to present evidence either discovered subsequent to the date hereof, or the significance of which is later discovered.
- 3. Defendant further objects on the grounds that the supplemental requests were not served in a timely manner before the deadline for the close of document production on August 31, 2012, since the request was served by e-mail on July 31, 2012, so that Defendant's response would be due on September 4, 2012, after the deadline. Moreover, the requests were not based

on any newly-discovered evidence, and overlap with the discovery requests served in 2003.

4. The above-stated General Objections are hereby incorporated in each of Defendant AHIF's following responses to specific requests, whether or not expressly repeated in response to a particular request.

DOCUMENT REQUESTS

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 1:

Please provide all documents concerning business, religious, and/or operational relationship(s) between Al Haramain and the Qur'an Foundation, including but not limited to, their common purposes, missions, and organizational/operational cooperation.

Response to Document Request No. 1:

Defendant AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that the Qur'an Foundation is a separate entity, which is not a defendant in this case. AHIF does not have possession, custody, or control of the Qur'an Foundation's records. Subject to and without waiving these objections, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 2:

Please provide all documents seized by the U.S. government from the Oregon branch office Al Haramain, including but not limited to all of the documents and things referenced in the Government's Opposition to Defendant's Supplement to Motion for a New Trial, at 16-18, Docket Entry No. 536, in *United States v. Pirouz Sedaghaty*, No. 6:05-cr-60008-HO (D. Ore., Feb. 18, 2011), including, but not limited to, the following items that were specifically referenced as having been returned to the defendant:

- a. 3,800 single pages of itemized discovery, including investigative reports;
- b. 43,000 pages of bank and Al Haramain corporate records, scanned and produced electronically to the Defendant by the government;
 - c. Boxes of video tapes seized from the Oregon branch office of Al Haramain; and
- d. Complete copies of hard drives seized from the Oregon branch office of Al Haramain.

Response to Document Request No. 2:

The government voluntarily dismissed AHIF in 2005 from *United States v. Pirouz Sedaghaty*, No. 6:05-cr-60008-HO, so AHIF is not a party to that proceeding. Subject to and without waiving this objection, AHIF has no responsive documents, as the government did not "produce" these documents to AHIF.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 3:

Please provide all documents concerning electronic mail communications to and/or from Defendants, including, but not limited to, using the following electronic mail domains: qf.org, islam-is.com, therarborist.com, hotmail.com, and alharamain.org.

Response to Document Request No. 3:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, AHIF already produced responsive documents in 2004. See Documents Bates-Stamped AHIF 000038-000039, AHIF 000627, AHIF 000709, AHIF 000760.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 4:

Please provide all electronic mails from hard drives from the Oregon branch office of Al Haramain, including, but not limited to, electronic mails to and/or from:

- a. Sedaghaty;
- b. Soliman al Buthe;
- c. Mansour Al Kadi;
- d. Ageel Al Ageel;
- e. Abdul Qaadir Abdul Khaaliq via his various email addresses, including any via qoqaz.net, azzam.net, or any other email addresses; and
 - f. any other employee or other representative of Al Haramain.

Response to Document Request No. 4:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, Defendant AHIF has no responsive documents since it does not have any hard drives.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 5:

Please provide all employee records and time sheets of employees and volunteers of Al Haramain.

Response to Document Request No. 5:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, AHIF already produced responsive documents in 2004. See Documents Bates-Stamped AHIF 000020-000037, AHIF 000040-000043.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 6:

Please provide all documents concerning the database of names Defendants collected as part of Defendants' prison *Dawa* program, as referenced in the September 19, 2006 testimony of Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, titled "Prison Radicalization: Are Terrorist Cells Forming in U.S. Cell Blocks?" before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, at pages 4-5.

Response to Document Request No. 6:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 7:

Please provide all documents concerning communications and/or any financial or other business relations between or among Al Haramain and any of the following:

- a. Islamic Assembly of North America;
- b. The Islamic Center of Springfield, Missouri ("ICSM");
- c. Deen Eberle, while he was an Al Haramain employee at a mosque in Springfield, Missouri;
 - d. Islamic Foundation of America and/or Yusuf Estes; and
 - e. Kamran Bokhari.

Response to Document Request No. 7:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Moreover, these individuals and entities are not defendants in this litigation.

Subject to and without waiving these objections, AHIF already produced responsive documents for Requests 7(b) and 7(c) in 2004. See Response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request Nos. 8, 11, and 20 (Apr. 26, 2004); Documents Bates-stamped AHIF 000427-000492, 000496-000497, 000499-000510, 000511-000554, 000560-000567, 000572, 000573-000574, 000575-000596, 000628, 000707 [Request 7(b)]; AHIF 000493-495, 000498, 000555-000559, 000569-000571 [Request 7(c)].

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 8:

Please provide all documents concerning the Ihsan School in Syracuse, NY, including but not limited to tax documents, curriculum information, and documents concerning Al Haramain's ownership interest in the Ihsan School in Syracuse, NY.

Response to Document Request No. 8:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly

burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Moreover, this entity is not a defendant in this litigation. Subject to and without waiving these objections, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 9:

Please provide all general ledgers and other financial documents prepared for Defendants by or at the direction of accountant Tom Wilcox for the years since 1997.

Response to Document Request No. 9:

Defendant AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it seeks information that is solely in the possession, custody, or control of Tom Wilcox. AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it cannot determine which documents were "prepared ... by or at the direction of accountant Tom Wilcox." Subject to and without waiving these objections, some documents produced in response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request No. 22 (Apr. 26, 2004) may have been so "prepared," but AHIF cannot determine which documents, if any, were so "prepared."

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 10:

Please provide all communications concerning Defendants between Defendants and accountant Tom Wilcox for the years since 1997.

Response to Document Request No. 10:

Defendant AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it seeks information that is solely in the possession, custody, or control of Tom Wilcox. Subject to and without waiving this objection, some documents produced in response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request No. 22 (Apr. 26, 2004) may have been communicated between Wilcox and AHIF, but AHIF cannot determine which documents, if any, were so communicated.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 11:

Please provide minutes of meetings of the Al Haramain Saudi Arabia U.S. Committee in Riyadh.

Response to Document Request No. 11:

Defendant AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that the "Al Haramain Saudi Arabia U.S. Committee in Riyadh" is a separate entity, which is not a defendant in this case.

AHIF does not have possession, custody, or control of the records of that entity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 12:

Please provide copies of checks, and any documents concerning any such checks, written by Defendants to the Western Somali Relief Agency, Inc., including specifically, but not limited to, any checks to the Western Somali Relief Agency in March 2000.

Response to Document Request No. 12:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Moreover, this entity is not a defendant in this litigation. Subject to and without waiving these objections, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 13:

Please provide all documents concerning a Saudi government audit of all of Al Haramain's branches worldwide after Al Haramain headquarters in Saudi Arabia was purported to have been closed.

Response to Document Request No. 13:

Defendant AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that this seeks discovery of individuals and other entities, including but not limited to the "Saudi government," Al Haramain Saudi Arabia and "Al Haramain's branches worldwide," which are separate entities, and AHIF

does not have possession, custody, or control of their records. Subject to and without waiving this objection, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 14:

Please provide all documents concerning travel to the U.S. of any Al Haramain representative, including, but not limited to, Soliman Al Buthe, Mansour Al Kadi, and Aqeel al Aqeel, and including, but not limited to, trips to Oregon, or Missouri, or elsewhere in the U.S.

Response to Document Request No. 14:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, see Response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request No. 6 (Apr. 26, 2004).

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 15:

Please provide copies of checks written on all Al Haramain financial accounts for the years since 1997.

Response to Document Request No. 15:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, see Response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request No. 22 (Apr. 26, 2004).

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 16:

Please provide all documents concerning all financial transactions from 1997-2004 for the Oregon branch office or Al Haramain.

Response to Document Request No. 16:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly

burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, see Response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request No. 22 (Apr. 26, 2004).

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 17:

Please provide all documents concerning Defendants' ownership interest, roles, and responsibilities in the mosque located at 2151 East Division Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Response to Document Request No. 17:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, see Response to Plaintiffs' Supplemental Document Request No. 7(b), *supra*; see also Response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request No. 8 (Apr. 26, 2004).

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 18:

Please provide all documents concerning all financial transactions from 1997-2004 concerning the mosque located at 2151 East Division Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Response to Document Request No. 18:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving this objection, see Response to Plaintiffs' Supplemental Document Request No. 7(b), supra; see also Response to Plaintiffs' First Document Request No. 8 (Apr. 26, 2004).

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 19:

Please provide all documents concerning the shared projects of Al Haramain, Al

Haramain Charitable Foundation, the Islamic Assembly of North America, and the Islamic Center of Southern Missouri, including, but not limited to, electronic mails between Soliman Al Buthe and Sami Hussayen.

Response to Document Request No. 19:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. AHIF further objects on the grounds that these individuals (Soliman Al Buthe and Sami Hussayen) and other entities (Islamic Center of Southern Missouri, Islamic Assembly of North America, and Al Haramain Charitable Foundation) are not defendants in this litigation. Subject to and without waiving this objection, see Response to Plaintiffs' Supplemental Document Request No. 7(b), *supra*.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 20:

Please provide all documents concerning lectures, sermons, letters to the editor, and interviews of Abu Salman Deya-ud-Deen Eberle while he was an employee of Al Haramain at the mosque at 2151 East Division Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Response to Document Request No. 20:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. AHIF further objects on the grounds that Mr. Eberle is not a defendant in this litigation. Subject to and without waiving this objection, see Response to Plaintiffs' Supplemental Document Request No. 7(c), supra.

DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 21:

Please provide all documents concerning the sermons and lessons given at the Oregon branch of Al Haramain, including, but not limited to, those mentioned by Barbara Cabral in her testimony at the trial of Sedaghaty, which sermons were reported to have caused a split within

the congregation attending the mosque at 2151 East Division Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Response to Document Request No. 21:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving these objections, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 22:

Please provide all documents concerning a fundraiser for Chechnya by Raya Shoktford, including, but not limited to, correspondence, electronic mails, and checks.

Response to Document Request No. 22:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. Subject to and without waiving these objections, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 23:

Please provide all documents concerning Defendants' involvement with Datapact, an entity registered in Oregon with Sedaghaty identified as an owner, along with two other partners, Ferhad Erdogan and Soliman Al Buthe.

Response to Document Request No. 23:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. AHIF further objects on the grounds that these individuals (Soliman Al Buthe and Ferhad Erdogan) and Datapact are not defendants in this

litigation, and plaintiffs have made no allegations regarding Datapact or Mr. Erdogan. Subject to

and without waiving this objection, AHIF has no responsive documents.

DOCUMENT REQUEST No. 24:

Please provide all documents concerning any financial transactions involving Defendants

and Datapact.

Response to Document Request No. 24:

AHIF objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad, vague, unduly

burdensome, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does

not seek discovery with sufficient particularity. AHIF further objects on the grounds that

Datapact is not a defendant in this litigation, and plaintiffs have made no allegations regarding

Datapact. Subject to and without waiving this objection, AHIF has no responsive documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 4, 2012, I caused the foregoing to be served electronically on counsel of record by electronic mail, pursuant to ¶ 9(b) of Case Management Order No. 2 (June 16, 2004), with an additional copy sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid to:

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